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Docket No.: 1955

Patent Application

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Entitled: STANDALONE MP3 RECORDING STATION

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To the Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR FILING A NATIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

Transmitted herewith for filing, please find the following:

- X 1. Specification, claims and abstract of the above-referenced patent application having 13 pages.
- X 2. 4 sheet(s) of drawing(s) (X formal informal) comprising Figures 1 through 4 .
- X 3A. Declaration (X signed unsigned).
- X 3B. Power of Attorney (X signed unsigned).
- 3C. No filing fee, Oath, or Declaration is enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R 1.53(d).
- 4. Information Disclosure Statement along with Form PTO-1449 and references.

X 5. This is a: Continuation-In-Part; Divisional; Continuation; substitute Application (MPEP 201.09) of Application Serial No. filed ; reissue of U.S. Patent No. filed on ; X Original; Provisional.

An extension to extend the life of the above prior Application to at least the date of filing hereof

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(a) is concurrently being filed in that prior Application,

(b) was previously filed in that prior Application,

(c) X is not necessary for copendency.

X 6. Attached is an assignment to **Gateway, Inc.** Please return the recorded assignment to the undersigned.

 7. Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on foreign filing.

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 8. Attached: (No.) verified statement(s) establishing "small entity" status under 37 CFR § 1.9 and 1.27.

X 9. Attached:

X Return Postcard

X Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

 10. Preliminary Amendment:

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BASIC FEE					\$355	<u>OR</u>	\$710	=	\$710
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TOTAL CLAIMS	22	-20	=	2	\$9	<u>OR</u>	\$18	=	\$36
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	-3	=	0	\$40	<u>OR</u>	\$80	=	\$0
If any <u>proper</u> multiple dependent claim (ignore improper) is present (Enter \$0.00 if this is a <u>reissue</u> application.)					\$135	<u>OR</u>	\$270	=	\$0
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Attached is a Rule 47 Petition (inventor refuses to sign or cannot be reached) \$130									\$0
TOTAL FILING FEE								=	\$786.00

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- X 13. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-0439 in the amount of **\$786.00** to cover the Filing Fee calculated in Item 11. This sheet is attached in duplicate.
- X 14. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any missing or insufficient fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and may be required under 37 CFR 1.16-1.18 (missing or insufficiencies only) now or hereafter relative to this application and for the resulting Official Document under 37 CFR 1.20, and to have and cause any necessary petition for extension of time to be filed and any fees necessary to be paid for said extension of time OR credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-0439, for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. **The Commissioner is not authorized to charge the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal form is filed.**

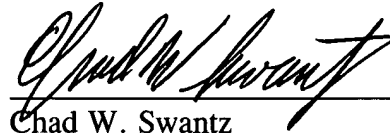
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**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION
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35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

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Title

Standalone MP3 Recording Station

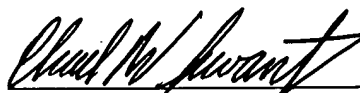
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